

FENCES

Barrington Zoning Ordinance Chapter 4; Part 1; Section 4.5

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A. Permitted Height of Fences in B-R and Residential Districts

1. Front Yards. In all B-R and Residential districts, front yard fences shall not exceed three (3) feet in height, as measured from the ground adjacent to the top horizontal elements of the fence. Pickets, posts, and other vertical elements may existing beyond the top horizontal element by no more than six (6) inches.
2. Corner Side Yards. Fences in corner side yards shall be required to meet the above height requirement under (1) for front yards.
3. Rear and Side Yards. In B-R and Residential Districts, rear and side yard fences shall be a maximum of six (6) feet in height, as measured from the grade at the base to the top of the fence.

B. Permitted Height of Fences in Business and Manufacturing Districts

1. Front Yards. In Business and Manufacturing Districts, decorative fences or screen walls in front yards shall not exceed three (3) feet in height, unless increased height is required by a special use or planned development ordinance, to ensure adequate screening.
2. Corner Side Yards. Fences in corner side yards shall be required to meet the above height requirement under 4.5(B)(1) for front yards.
3. Rear and Side Yards. In Business and Manufacturing districts, rear and side yard fences and walls shall be a maximum of six (6) feet in height unless an increase in height not to exceed eight (8) feet is approved by special use or planned development ordinance.

C. Location, Construction, and Maintenance of Fences, Walls, and Hedges

1. All fences shall be constructed of wood, brick, stone, wrought iron or similar decorative material. Chain link fences shall not be permitted in front yards.
2. In front and corner side yards in residential districts, fences shall be open a minimum of thirty-three percent (33%) across the gross surface area from one end of the fence to another.
3. In front yards, an opening or gate not less than two and one-half (2.5) feet in width shall be provided to permit access to the front yard.
4. In front yards, the fence shall be parallel to the front and side lot line of the front yard, except where such placement would create a safety hazard, as reasonably determined by the Zoning Official.
5. Fences may be constructed up to the property line.
6. If the fence is designed so that one (1) side has a more finished appearance, the more finished side shall be constructed on the outside. If a screen fence is

designed with posts, the posts shall be placed on the inside of the fence or centered on the plane of the screening.

7. No wire or barbed wire fences shall be permitted in the Village, unless approved by special use or planned development ordinance.
8. No fence, wall, or hedge shall be erected or planted within a public right-of-way.
9. All hedges shall be planted and maintained so as not overhang or interfere with the use of the public way such as a sidewalk, alley or street.
10. All fences, walls, or hedges shall be maintained in good, structurally sound repair and in neat, clean and attractive condition.
11. For aesthetic purposes, as well as to maintain property values, it is desirable that the appearance, structure and design of front yard fences shall be compatible and in harmony with other front yard fences in the Village, particularly in the neighborhood and on adjacent and contiguous property. The Zoning Official may suggest changes or recommendations to achieve that objective, upon review of a fence permit application. If the applicant refuses to make such changes, the fence permit application and drawings shall be reviewed by the Appearance Review Commission, whose decision shall be final.